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An Adventure Through California On a Bicycle.

Having a great deal of time and money I decided to take a trip through the United States. I was in New York at the time so after getting ready as soon as possible I started on my journey.

After spending many days traveling from state to state, I finally came to the state of Oregon, where I spent a few days resting before my trip through the state of California. I thought that I may as well have a real adventure while traveling across the state, so, I bought a bicycle and was soon ready to continue on my journey.

On entering the state I passed along by the Siskayon mountains and saw some of the finest mountain scenery that I had ever seen. After passing the above named mountain I came to a large forest, which I had to enter. The trees became larger as I penetrated deeper into the forest and I saw that it consisted of redwood trees, which are considered the finest wood in the world. I came to a saw mill in the heart of the forest and spent several hours watching the different machinery cut the giants into smaller timber. After reaching Mount Sleasta and passing it, I was brought down the canyon of the Sacramento river to the head of the Sacramento valley. Upon reaching this point I found that I was at the end of the Great Interior Basin of California, and was about to enter one of the great agricultural sections of the state, and also I was confronted here by the question of which route I should take. I at last decided and discovered that I had taken a route which wound through the rich farming country on the west side of the valley. I was obliged to stop many times at a fence and gaze off into the distance, seeing nothing but the endless chain of products that grew in the fields. I had to stop many times, for a night at farm houses which lay in my route and the people were as good to me, as a stranger, as some whom I know very well.

I passed through Sacramento and went on to San Francisco where I spent nearly a month, as my trip so far had made me very tired. After I

had seen about all that interest a traveler in that city, I continued to Oakland and then to Stockton, spending a little time in each city. I then continued down the San Joaquin river as far as Merced, where I took the old stage road for the Yosemite Valley. I there found something that made the glory of the "other day," the good old time stage coaches, dashing teams, and skillful drivers such as are told of in narratives. These roads were oiled during the summer and a ride over them was counted one of the finest trips in the state. It was certainly a fine road for a bicycle, and I made fast time on it until I was stopped by a man with a blue uniform who said "Consider yourself under arrest." I knew what this meant, but could not help myself; so I went with him, and after having to pay a fine for fast riding, I concluded slow riding was better for my health as well as for my purse.

After many accidents, which counted but a trifle for the magnificent scenery and all manner of objects that I saw, I reached Los Angeles, which was my destination. I spent a few days here and then packing my bicycle, which I wished to keep, I started back to New York.

Adventerous Hunting.

One day as I was going along a stream hunting with a double barreled shot-gun, I was startled by a terrific noise, which scared me so badly I nearly shook out of my shoes. I looked up and saw two thousand ducks one hundred yards ahead. I sighted my gun and was just going to fire, when I heard a noise down stream. I looked around and was surprised to see two thousand geese. I knew geese were better than ducks so I pointed my gun toward them. After taking good aim I almost pulled the trigger, when I was startled by a noise across stream. I looked across and there stood a large deer. I wheeled on him and was ready to fire, when I heard a rattling noise behind me. I turned and there lay a large rattlesnake coiled and ready to spring. I was scared so badly that I fired both barrels at the same time.

One of those barrels went up stream and killed those two thousand ducks. The other barrel went down stream and killed those two thousand geese. The front sight flew off and killed that deer. The ramrod flew down that snake's throat and choked it to death. And the gun kicked me backwards into the stream, and I came up with my boots full of fish.

Lee, the Citizen and Educator.

The most recent account of Lee's life lay special emphasis on that period from 1865 to 1870. It is Lee the husband, the father, the peaceful citizen, the college president, who stands out vividly in the reader's mind. "And", says Professor Mins, "Well is it so, for the record of these years is the most precious legacy committed to the Southerners of the present generation. In the first place Lee accepted the overthrow of the Southern Confederacy as a fact. He never apologized for what he had done, he never ceased to think that both he and his soldiers had pursued the right course in resisting invasion.

He believed that true patriotism sometimes required a man to act, exactly contrary at one period, to that which it required at another." That circumstances which govern their actions change and that they must conform to the new order of things. In obedience to this principle he applied for a citizen's rights and was obedient to the laws of the land. Although he suffered as much as any in the South because of the war, his beautiful home, Arlington, was "foully polluted", his wife and children forced to flee for their lives, and his own health impaired, he never held any resentment against the worth. To a preacher who had denounced the worth he said, "I have fought against the North because I believed they were seeking to wrest from the South her dearest rights, but I have never cherished against them any bitter feelings and have never seen the day when I did not pray for them. At a time when all were in despair for the future, Lee taught by precept and example "That human virtue is superior to calamity" and that "Silence, hope and fortitude would heal the affliction of the South." He said, "We must hope for the best, speak as little and act as discreetly as possible. I am confident that if we all do our duty and strive earnestly to extract what good we can out of the evil that hangs over our dear land, that the time is not far distant when the sun will again shine forth in its former brightness." In 1865 there came to him a call to service as President of a small and at time that an insignificant college. To the surprise of his friends he accepted. Said he, "I have led the young men of the South to battle, I have seen many of them die on the field, I shall devote my remaining energy in training young men to do their duty in life. I pray I may be spared to accomplish something for the benefit of mankind and the honor of God." In accordance with this faith he went to a college, whose endowment had greatly suffered because of the war. Never was a college president more laborious than he. He gave all his power entirely to the work. He was perfectly master of the situation. He found the college bankrupt, disor-

ganized, deserted. He left it rich, crowded with students and strong. Mr. Thomas Nelson Page, who was himself a student there, said, "As a disciplinarian and as a positive influence in the moral life of students, he has perhaps had no superior among the college presidents of the country. Here the sons of his old soldiers flocked to be under the man who led their fathers to battle and to learn from his life the lesson of devotion to duty." One of the most impressive pictures of a man's life is that drawn by Colonel Johnson, when on September 28, 1870, after a morning spent with the duties incident to his office as President of Washington College, General Lee attended a vestry service at his church in Lexington. Returning from this meeting late in the evening he took his place at the family table to say grace. The effort was vain, the lips could not utter the prayer of the heart. Upon his face was a look of sublime resignation as if he knew the hour had come when all the cares and anxieties of his crowded life were at an end. Between the scene of Appomattox and this closing scene of his life, is the story of a singularly heroic life, lived not in the silent and stoical mood that people generally attribute to him, but in the full consciousness of the performance of a duty that God had committed to him. E. C.

The Unlucky Numbers.

1. Handsomest—Prof. Horn.
2. Most Studious—C. A. McDowell.
3. Most Dudish—Lee Lauck.
4. Dullest—Chas. Arnold.
5. Most Lovable—W. Gurd.
6. Fastest Talker—Lonnie Thompson.
7. Most Athletic—Fred Furbee.
8. Best Musician—H. H. White.
9. Most Slovenly—Harry Hodges.
10. Most Independent—Warner Cunningham.
11. Smallest—Henry Pritts.
12. Most Dignified—R. R. Miller.
13. Most Truthful—S. D. McCrum.

Wanted—An editor for The Refert.

Has any one seen a match for Ananias?
Who is Ananias? He's It.

Found—The Lowney's that was lost last year.

Wanted.—A few more song books for the Faculty.

Some one stuck Ford with a pin and hurt his feelings.

Wanted—A little more "nerve" by some of the faculty.

Mr. Ward is a lady's man in Keyser? What is he in Hambleton?

Wanted—A bed in Mr. Horn's room for McCrum to recite his English on. Com.

Localisms.

How is the weather on Fort Piano, Frank?

Rev. W. C. Ney is conducting chapel services this week.

Miss Dilgard spent Sunday with her parents at Gormanian.

Clyde McDowell visited his parents over Sunday, the 14th.

Wanted—Someone to hold my book while I sing in Chapel. Prof. Anderson.

Rev. J. W. Purcell conducted chapel service week before last.

Miss Young, a former student of the Prep, was a visitor here one day last week.

Miss Henderson and Mr. Patterson spent Sunday, the 14th, at their home at Gormanian.

Oscar Hamstead, a former Prep student, is now employed at the Thompson Furniture Store.

Miss Elsie Hoffman has organized a Recital Class which will meet the last Friday in every month.

Earnest Pifer, one of last year's students, has been in town twice since the beginning of the term. What for?

Aside from his regular school work Mr. Heffelfinger is now taking lessons in night "snipe-hunting" on Fort Piano.

The Y. M. C. A. met in the Davis Literary hall Friday evening, October 19. Prof. Horn gave a very interesting talk.

Mr. Chas. Ritchie, one of last year's graduates, stopped in Keyser Sunday on his way to West Virginia Junction to teach school.

It looks rather bad to see postal cards with Joe Grubb's picture on flying all around the school. Morgantown must have the "jiggers".

New students coming in all the time. Those in the last week: Miss Eva Barger, Miss Eva Pearl Filler, Mr. John Raymond Brosius, Mr. Roy Taylor Coffroth, Mr. Lester Bantz.

So verlor der appe durch seine neugier seine Freiheit. Inez's translation into English. So the monkey lost his tail through his own curiosity.

Prof. Miller and Prof. Hott spent October 13th and 14th at Lahmansville. They report a very pleasant time and a successful hunt on the 13th, killing squirrels, rabbits, chipmunks, snakes and lizzards. It is whispered that Prof. Miller became bewildered in his course while hunting and when found by his fellow nimrods he had made several rounds around a small knoll in search of his lost path.

The Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. gave a social to the student body the 21st of September. After all had assembled in the Davis Literary Hall and spent two hours in social entertainment, they were invited to the Library Hall, where refreshments were served in a very tasteful and delicate style. At the hour of eleven all adjourned, well pleased with having spent such an evening. There were quite a number of visitors, among them Mr. Harmon, an old school boy.

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Inter Society Contest.

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READING.

Warner Cunningham

Herbert White

DECLAMATION.

Bessie Dawson

Emlie Coffroth

ESSAY.

James Heltzell

Harry Sheetz

DEBATE.

Affirmative
Lonnie Thompson,
William Patterson,

Negative
Chas. Arnold,
B. V. Inskeep.

QUESTION.

Resolve that the Indian has been treated worse than the negro.

Lonnie has been occupying the stone door step of Miss Sue Johnson's residence on 220 Davis St. for the past three weeks. Miss Sue Johnson would like to see the young gentleman so as to collect the rent for that time.

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We wish to apologize to the subscribers of the Refert for the delay in getting out this issue. The Davis Society did not succeed in electing a Literary Editor until Tuesday evening, Oct. 19th. Consequently the work of this issue fell upon one Editor. But hereafter, unless for some unavoidable reason, the paper will be issued as last year, on the third Wednesday in each school month.

Y. W. C. A.

The Young Women's Christian Association has again taken up its work for another year and has held its devotional meetings as usual on Friday evenings at seven o'clock in the Reynolds Literary Hall. Although many of our active workers of last year are not in school at the present time and we miss very much their help in carrying on our work, yet we earnestly hope and pray that this year's work may be crowned with success. Some new members have come into our association and we hope that many more will soon come in from among the new students of the school.

Arrangements are being made to organize a Bible Class which we hope will prove a great benefit to the girls. Every effort is being put forth to make our meetings interesting, and we hope that every girl in school will attend them even if she will not join our association.

A Talk With New Students.

If I were asked to give a young student directions for making his school life the most successful, I would say first of all be studious. Make a reputation among faculty and students for studiousness. Let this apply not only to the preparation of your daily tasks for the class room, but to studiousness as a habit of life as well. Learn to think intelligently on live questions and issues of the present day.

Be affable without fawning or employing flattery. The habit of being agreeable to others will

be sunshine in their lives, and as a treasure laid up for you it will be better than pure gold.

Be a churchgoer. Aside from the moral and religious value of this habit you put yourself in the best society. Not every one who goes to church is an exemplar of society. But for degree of purity and uprightness and the quality of its influence the congregation assembled in church on Sunday morning is distinctly ahead of the aggregation on the street corner at the same time.

Popularity and Leadership among fellow students are worthy ambitions. The chief danger is in trying to attain to the former by the use of a cheap sort of wit, to the latter by the surrender of one's moral standards to the requirements of those who are to be led, to both by the sacrifice of one's devotion to his studies which should be the order of every day. The popularity that one should court presupposes soundness of judgment. Upon this it is built by such graces as affability and unselfishness.

The leadership one should court presupposes soundness of judgment, quickness of perception, and a strong personality. These are characteristics of the statesman, but the tricks of dishonest leadership are the characteristics of the politician.

Make many acquaintances without being forward. One's friends are a bulwark of moral support in fighting the battles of life.

If your physical endowments warrant it strive to excel in the field of athletics. In any event take as much exercise as is good for you. Ill health induced by too little exercise is an insidious enemy. When first you are aware of its approach its hold is so fixed upon you that the usefulness of the best years of your life will be impaired.

Be temperate in all things and remember that temperance in the use of alcohol and the cigarette means abstinence. Some exceptionally strong physical constitutions may indulge a moderate use of alcohol and cigarette for a long time without apparent injury, but in the great majority of cases, and especially among the students, either habit means ruin.

In English IV.—Sir Rodger had a friend who sent him a dog with a bass voice. He returned it, saying he had no use for a dog with a bass voice, but one with a counter tenner. Ferbee being called on for the same said: "Mr. Horn, I do not exactly know, but he wanted a dog with a counter corner voice."

Edna, studying Latin IV.—"Adamans! Adaman! What does it mean?" "O, I know, I know, Inez on looking in vocabulary found the meaning, 'To fall in love with'." Edna—"I told you so! Didn't I say 'Add-a-man?'" (Adaman).

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"Rooters" Song

Tune: While we go marching through Georgia

Our boys are on the football field,
They're gathered for the fray,
They're clothed in armour strong as iron,
They've come to win the day;
And we are here to cheer them on
And help them all we may
While we are shouting for Keyser.

CHORUS—

Then rush! Then rush! Then rush the ball along,
A kick, a shove, will send it through the throng;
No line can stop our fellows in their rushes good
and strong,
While we are shouting for Keyser.

Just keep your eyes on Arnold, there,
And see him take the ball;
Anyone who's in his way
Will surely get a fall;
For White is there to guard him now—
They've downed them one and all,
While we are shouting for Keyser.

CHORUS—

O, Cumberland, what does this mean—
This noise and jamboree?
The Keyser Preps have won the game,
As everyone can see;
Your faces, they look awful sad,
And ours are bright with glee,
While we are shouting for Keyser.

CHORUS—

"Rooters" Organized.

A mass meeting of the student body was called to order by Prof. Haught at eleven o'clock Friday. The main object of the meeting was to encourage the foot-ball players and arouse some enthusiasm among the students. Also to practice yells in anticipation of the Cumberland High School game Saturday afternoon. After a few had given short talks and suggestions to effect the purpose in the most beneficial way, some enthusiasm being shown already, a motion was put before the body to make Mr. Clyde McDowell Yell Master. The vote was unanimous. From the very start Mr. McDowell proved himself an able and enthusiastic leader, and under his direction the yells, both old and new, were soon being rung off with a vim. After a few minutes thus spent we adjourned for dinner. It is thought this will be a very good thing and we hope it will continue throughout the school year.

A. C. H. S. 5---Prep 16.

The Preps played their first football game for this year on Saturday, Oct. 20th, against the Allegheny County High School of Cumberland, and won by the score of 16 to 5. The game was very snappy and full of life from the first.

The teams were evenly matched in weight, but the Preps put up the faster game. The H. S. made their only touchdown the first part of the first half on a play around their right end.

The Preps did not score until the second half. Arnold made the first touchdown on an end play and White kicked for goal and failed.

White made the second touchdown, the H. S. punted, White received it at the center of the field and made the longest run of the game, also making a touchdown. The Preps made their third touchdown on a Quarter Back run by White and he kicked for goal and made it. The Preps made good gains every time they had the ball, and the H. S. line could not hold them at all, while the Prep line never flinched. Every Prep man put up a great game, and we have promise of a fine team.

Following is the line up of the Prep team. We failed to get the line up of the H.S.so, therefore, we cannot give them.

Thompson, Center.
Hodges, Left Guard.
Cunningham, W., Right Guard.
Coffroth, Left Tackle.
Furbie, Right Tackle.
Cunningham, G., Left End.
Boyd, Right End.
Arnold, Right Half.
Brosius, Left Half.
Heltzell, Full Back.
White, Quarter Back.

Mr. Smith from Philadelphia, was Referee.
Prof. Hott, Umpire; Roy Mulledy, Timekeeper; Lee Lauck and Lawrence Lowry, Linemen; Steorts, Glover, Lauck, Abernathy, Subs.

Time of Halves, 15 and 20.

Touchdown, H. S., 1.

Arnold, 1.

White, 2.

Goals from touchdowns.

White 1.

Prof. Horn—Burt, did you put those peaches on my desk yesterday?

Burt—No, Mr. Horn. Perhaps Mrs. Menefee did.

Prof. Horn—Well, now, I guess she did, for they surely were nice.

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sausages are hot,
When the steam is floating upward from the shin-
ing coffee pot,
When the cook stirs up the batter that was set the
night before,
And when little Bob and Clara smack their lips
and yell for more—
Oh, its then a man is always feeling pretty near
his best—
If there isn't any trouble with the works beneath
his vest—
And it's then he ought to humbly thank the Lord
for what he's got—
When the gravy's on the buckwheats and the
sausages are hot.

There's a fragrance that comes floating from the
pancakes on the plate.
That should nerve a man to action—make him
strong for any fate—
There is joy, there's inspiration in the smears on
Bessie's chin,
And it's good to see dear Willie as he scoops the
sausage in,
And what sweeter music is there than the rasping,
slapping sound
That the busy cook produces as she stirs the stuff
around?
Oh, each precious, luscious mouthful quickly finds
the proper spot
When the gravy's on the buckwheat and the sau-
sages are hot.—Ex.

Prof. Hott says it is an easy thing to "swipe"
peaches on Main street—and so does Arnold.

We notice that Prof. Haught's supply of de-
merits are here and he is using them very liberally.

To Let.—A stone door step on 220 Davis St.
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MISS SUE JOHNSON.

Wanted—A vehicle of some kind to convey
some W. V. P. students to the B. & O. depot be-
tween 3.30 and 3.39.

We don't see why it is that the Prep students
are so forgetful, especially one of those from Pied-
mont, who forgot her German poem.

The boys and girls are now all hard at work
over their school books, but we know they will
find time to read and enjoy our paper.

Literary.

The Davis and Reynolds Literary Societies now
meet each week in the same hall, rendering alter-
nate programs. The members of the societies have
decided to have a joint program rendered every
fifth week, thus making the work more interesting.

Offices being vacant on account of students not
having returned have been filled. The offices of
the Reynolds Society have been filled as follows:
President, Warner Cunningham; vice-president,
Lawrence Lowry; secretary, Charles Arnold; treas-
urer, Edna Hamstead; marshal, Bessie Dawson.
And the following are the officers of the Davis So-
ciety: President, Herbert White; vice-president,
Clyde McDowell; secretary, Helen Babb; treasurer,
Lee Lauck; marshal, Emlie Coffroth; critic, Inez
McNeill. The outlook for the work of the societies
this term is encouraging and we hope every mem-
ber will endeavor to make them a success.

The following new members have been taken
into the Literary Societies so far this term:

Frank Heffelfinger, Douglas Glover, James Helt-
zel, Nellie Henderson, Vernon McNemar, William
Patterson, Mr. Steorts, Hubert Ward, Fidessa
Workman, Miss Kidwell, B. V. Inskeep, Clyde In-
skeep.

We hope the students will take a greater in-
terest in the work of the literary societies this year
than they have ever done before. The societies'
halls have been painted, carpeted furnished with
new chairs, portieres, and chandeliers, making
them very attractive in appearance. It is now the
duty of the students to show their appreciation for
what has been done for the societies by rendering
programs that will be true to themselves and the
school.

Our societies are not as large as they have been
at other times, but by the societies rendering pro-
grams alternately each student will be called upon
to perform but a few times in each term. There-
fore, each student can well afford to spend some
time in the preparation of his production.

Let a full program be given each Friday even-
ing, the reading well practiced, the declamation
thoroughly committed, and the essays and debates
original, so it may not be said again, which was
said last year, "A full program is a rare thing
that the essays are copied from a book, or a col-
lection of dry facts got from an encyclopedia," etc.;
but let the things that have been so frequent in the
past be unknown in the future.

It is supposed that the Professors take good
care of our girls, but it was noticed that after a
candy making one evening the hours passed so
swiftly that when she returned she found the door
locked and before help came the entire neighbor-
hood was aroused.